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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

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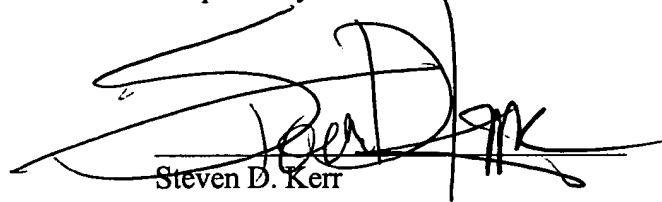
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of enclosed PTO-1449, and to similarly indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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